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McKINLEY'S DEATH PUBLIC CALAMITY

The Whole Country Mourns
His Untimely End

STATE AND CITY ACTION

Resolutions by Both State and Municipal Governments.

Friday afternoon, just one week from the time he was shot at Buffalo, came the startling news that the President was dead. It was so sudden and so different from what was expected that people could hardly credit the information. It soon thereafter developed that life was not yet extinct, but he was in a dying condition, and at 2.15 Saturday morning the end came.

Each day during the entire week, the news from the bedside of the distinguished patient had been more and more cheering. So well was he standing the ordeal that solid food was given the President and he relished it, little knowing that the taking of that food was the beginning of the end.

After taking the nourishment the President smoked a cigar and chatted vivaciously with those about him, even planned for the future. But soon after he was suffering terribly. A hasty consultation of the learned physicians and surgeons was called and they remained with him until the end, but only temporary relief could be given.

It is announced that he died of toxemia, which is only another name for blood poisoning. Another statement is that death was produced by a gangrenous attack upon the wounded parts, and still another that the ball was a poison one and that death resulted from that source. This, however, could not be verified, for the bullet could not be found.

Immediately upon the announcement that the President was dying thousands of people moved upon the jail where the assassin was confined, and only prompt and determined action on the part of the police and militia kept him from being lynched. The prisoner was spirited away and confined secretly somewhere and the place could not be located.

Vice-President Roosevelt arrived on a special train soon after the President's death, and was by request of the cabinet sworn in as Mr. McKinley's successor. The ceremony was very affecting, and at its conclusion the new President shook hands with those present and pledged himself to carry out the McKinley policy to the best of his ability.

All the members of the McKinley cabinet were asked to retain their places for the present, and they signified their willingness to do so. Since going to Washington, President Roosevelt has announced his desire to have all members remain the full term.

The body of the dead President was moved to Washington Sunday. There it lay in state until yesterday, when it was removed to Canton, the home of Mr. McKinley. The funeral will take place to-day.

With reference thereto, Mayor Gorman has issued the following proclamation:

"Proclamation by Mayor.—City Hall, Tallahassee, Fla., September 17, 1901. The funeral of William McKinley, late President of the United States, will be held on Thursday, the 19th inst. I hereby request that all business be suspended on that day, between the hours of 9.30 and 12.30 o'clock; that all church bells be tolled during these hours, and that all citizens attend memorial services in the Representative Hall at the capitol, at 11 o'clock, and thus give expression to the deep regret and profound sorrow which we, with all Americans, feel at the loss we have sustained in the death of this great and good man, the Chief Executive of our great Republic."

"R. B. GORMAN, Mayor."

GOVERNOR JENNINGS ACTS.

Governor W. S. Jennings was at Niagara Falls when announcement was made that the President was dead. At once he wired C. H. Dickinson, his private secretary, as follows:

"Niagara, N. Y., Sept. 14, 7.45 a. m.—Hon. C. H. Dickinson, private secretary, Tallahassee, Fla.—President McKinley died at 2.15 this morning. Have suitable buildings at half price, requesting suitable observance, and ordering all public offices closed day of funeral. I will remain here until 11 a. m., and return to Buffalo. Telegram will reach me there. Wire after that."

"W. S. JENNINGS."

In compliance therewith the secretary prepared and promulgated the following proclamation:

"State of Florida.—Proclamation announcing the death of the Honorable William McKinley, President of the United States.

"State of Florida, Executive Office.—It has been made known to me that at 2.15 a. m. this fourteenth day of September, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and one, the Honorable William McKinley, President of the United States, died in the city of Buffalo, in the State of New York, of wounds received on the sixth day of September, 1901, from an assassin while the President was extending to him a friendly greeting during a

public reception in the Temple of Music, at the Pan-American Exposition, at Buffalo, New York.

"A great calamity has befallen our country. For the third time in our national history the President of the United States has died at the hands of an assassin, whose cowardly act is universally detested by our people. As Congressman, as Governor of the great State of Ohio, and as President of the United States, the Honorable William McKinley gave ample evidence of his ability, his purity of character and his patriotic statesmanship. His public services will be an essential part of the history of our country.

"In token of sorrow for the great loss our people have sustained and in respect to his illustrious memory, I, William S. Jennings, Governor of Florida, do direct that the flags upon the capitol and upon all the public buildings of the State of Florida, including the armories of the Florida State Troops, be displayed at half-mast, and that the State offices be closed on the day of the funeral; and the officials and citizens of the State are requested to unite in appropriate tokens of sorrow and respect.

"Given under my hand and the great seal of the State, at the capitol, in the city of Tallahassee, this, the fourteenth day of September, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and one.

"WILLIAM S. JENNINGS, Governor."

"By the Governor: Attest,
JOHN L. CRAWFORD,
Secretary of State."

STATE OFFICIALS TAKE ACTION.

Saturday morning a meeting of the State House officials was held in the executive office, State Treasurer Whitfield presiding in the absence of the Governor, and the following spread upon the minutes:

Tallahassee, Sept. 14.—At a meeting of the State officers this day held in the executive office, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted and ordered spread upon the minutes of the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions:

"Whereas, The sad intelligence has just been received of the death of Hon. William McKinley, President of the United States, at 2.15 a. m., this day September 14, 1901, at Buffalo, N. Y., from the effects of pistol shot wounds inflicted on September 6, 1901, by an assassin while the President was extending him a friendly greeting hand during a public reception in the Temple of Music, at the Pan-American Exposition, at Buffalo, N. Y.; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the intelligence is received with feelings of deep sorrow. The cowardly crime which has resulted so seriously to our country is condemned as the act of an enemy to civilization and to Christianity.

"Resolved, further, That in the death of President McKinley our country loses one of its most distinguished and highly esteemed citizens, whose life of usefulness in public service is a part of the history of the United States. His spotless private life and his dignified and capable administration of the highest gift of the people entitle him to be remembered as one of America's greatest patriots and citizens. The flags on all State buildings will be displayed at half-mast for thirty days, and all State offices will be closed during the hour of the funeral."

CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Mayor Gorman called the City Council together Monday afternoon, at which the following was unanimously adopted and spread upon the minutes: Council Chamber, City Hall, Tallahassee, Fla., September 16, 1901.

The City Council convened at 5 o'clock p. m., pursuant to the following call:

"Council Chamber, City of Tallahassee, Fla., September 16, A. D. 1901.—A special meeting of the City Council of the city of Tallahassee is hereby called to be held at 5 o'clock p. m. to-day at the Council Chamber, for the purpose of taking suitable action in regard to the death of President McKinley."

"W. F. QUAIL, President pro tem. City Council."

There were present the following members: W. F. Quail, president pro tem and Councilmen Julius Ball, C. W. Perkins, T. H. Randolph, A. C. Spiller and L. C. Yaeger. The Mayor and City Attorney being also present.

The secretary read, upon the request of the president pro tem, the call, and thereupon the president pro tem announced that the Council was ready to entertain any motion relative to the subject of the call.

Mr. Randolph thereupon stated that in behalf of the Council he had requested the Mayor and Judge George P. Raney, the City Attorney, to be present.

The following resolutions were offered by Mr. Randolph and read:

"William McKinley was an honored citizen, a devoted patriot, an able statesman, a conscientious and zealous Chief Executive of the nation, a dutiful husband and a great man."

"The people of this community remember with pleasure and will ever cherish with pride, his visit to them in the spring of the year 1899. The unaffected simplicity of his bearing, his natural treatment of an old community, and the proof given by the character of his mingling with our people that he desired no adulation because of his prominence, are not only an epoch in our city's history, but an honor and an ornament to American citizenship."

"The manner of his death is an offense to our government and its principles, and calls imperatively upon the law-making power to enact the measures necessary to extinguish treason against free government and homicidal purposes against those who are



THE LATE WILLIAM M'KINLEY.

the lawful administrators of its authority.

"Therefore, It is Resolved by the City Council of the city of Tallahassee Florida, as follows:

"1st. We mourn the death of William McKinley, late President of the United States, as a loss of a great executive, an eminent statesman, a pure and noble man and a splendid exemplar of our Americanism.

"2d. We condemn his assassination, and recommend such legislation as will protect the President and all other high officials against assault on account of official station.

"3d. We tender to Mrs. McKinley and the other kindred of the distinguished dead, the sincerest prayer for them that He who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb, will vouchsafe to them all consolation that the virtues of the dead and the hopes of a future can encourage.

"4th. We recommend to the Mayor of the city that he take such action as will secure a proper observance of next Thursday, September the 19th, in accordance with the plan suggested by the proclamation of President Roosevelt and the Governor of Florida, and the following members of the Council are hereby constituted a committee to co-operate with the Mayor to that end: Councilmen Randolph, Spiller and Yaeger.

"5th. That a copy of these resolutions, properly enrolled and subscribed, be transmitted to Mrs. McKinley." On motion of Councilman Yaeger, duly seconded, the resolutions were adopted unanimously by a standing vote, each member answering "aye" to his name upon call of the roll by the secretary.

Thereupon the meeting adjourned.

MEMORIAL MEETING.

A general "Memorial Meeting" was held in the Methodist Church on Sunday last of all the churches of the city, on account of the death of President McKinley.

The meeting began at 11 o'clock a. m., and was conducted by Rev. W. E. Mabry, the pastor, who opened after the very appropriate performance of the choir, with a very sincere and fervid prayer, in which he voiced the sentiments of the congregation and of the whole nation in renewing to the Lord their heartfelt devotion, even in the affliction which He had suffered to fall upon them.

After singing and the reading of several passages from the Scriptures appropriate to the occasion, Mr. Mabry delivered a short address, with-out notes and purely spontaneously, he extolled then the dead President as a good man, upon whom the eyes of the nation, of every individual in the nation, of the whole world had been fixed; of his piety, his devotion, and his christian character. He alluded touchingly to the sorrow of the na-

tion, each true individual in the nation, of a whole world, who had seen the great man cut down in health and vigor in the discharge of his official duties; of the sorrow of the christian woman whom he had left behind him, and whose grief might soon perhaps carry her to join him.

His whole address was that of one man expressing the voice of a great many in a sorrowful appeal to the Lord to assist and strengthen us in our sorrow.

Rev. S. M. Provence, the pastor of the Baptist Church, then followed with a short address. He spoke of the uncertainty and fear in which the rulers of nations continually lived; assassinations in many countries, and of our three martyred Presidents—Lincoln, Garfield and McKinley; of the assurance with which we all regarded the assassins; and wondered if our Congress would pass a law to expel anarchists from this country and said that he hoped that it would.

The address was full of good points and practical suggestions. He emphasized a point to which your reporter was born and bred to thoroughly believe, that the Lord was ruling for the best in this world, in spite of its wickedness and man's free will and agency; that when the Lord wanted a man for a special work He raised him up for that work, and when the Lord had gotten through with a man down here he took him back again. That we, in fact, but partially understood the Lord's special Providences; but that we might depend upon it that the Lord Himself knew exactly what He did these things for whether anybody else did or not.

PUBLIC MEMORIAL SERVICES.

The memorial exercises upon the death of President McKinley were held in the capitol building at 11 o'clock a. m. The Representatives' Hall at the capitol was used for the occasion and the decorations were made by the ladies, who contributed a large display of ferns and flowers of all kinds. The front of the platform was draped with flags and green plants, behind which the choir was seated. A picture of our martyred President was hung above the desk, and draped with a flag, at the left of which, on a square of blue cloth, in large gold letters, were the words: "God's Will Be Done."

The committee of decorations were Mrs. Eugene Perkins, chairman; Mrs. A. C. Spiller, Mrs. W. L. Clarke, Mrs. C. H. Dickinson. The choir was composed of Mrs. R. B. Shine, Mr. P. T. Mickler and Mr. Herman Daman, with Miss Janie Clark as organist.

The services were opened with an appropriate hymn by the choir, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and followed by prayer by Rev. S. L. McCarthy, the pastor of the Presbyterian Church. The hymn, "Lead, Kindly

Light," the favorite hymn of President McKinley, and which was also sung at the memorial service last Sunday, was fittingly rendered by the choir. The chief address of the occasion was then delivered by Rev. W. E. H. Mabry, pastor of the Methodist Church. He said:

"We meet on this occasion to commemorate the death of one who was so lately the head of this nation; one whom we all looked to as our head and chief magistrate, and one upon whom the eyes of the whole world were fixed; one who was a Christian man in every sense of the word, and who even in his youth gave evidence of that character for which he was noted in after years. Whose youth was spent in the endeavor to do his duty and follow cheerfully in the line of that duty.

"We see him patiently pursuing his way with purpose fixed as if, even then, he had been called by the Lord to the work for which he was afterwards destined. We see him in the noble character of his Christian faith, fighting the battle of youth as he afterwards fought in battles side by side with his brother soldiers; and as he fought the battle of life. We do not speak of him in his political character, for while some of us may differ from him, we all think of him as a man who had endeared himself to everyone of us, whatever our political opinions, and so he fought the battle of life side by side with us.

"We shook hands with him and were brethren, and he found a warm place in the hearts of the South. As long as Southern men and women will cherish his memory, so long will President McKinley be remembered and cherished by the men and women of the South.

"Such religion as he received bowed the knee to the universe. Men that are able to make a just discrimination appreciated the strength of his character and the force of his Christian life. Personality is a strong force felt in this land and by all nations of the world; his was a strong personality. It went beyond the province of politicians. He had a force of character that was his strength. He had tenderness; of feeling and this tenderness was shown to his wife.

He had no children to mourn him, yet a great nation mourns him as the father of a great family. His devotion to his wife characterized him through life. When he was on his Western journey, and his wife was passing through the struggle which might take her from him, he waited with tenderness and patience the news of her daily condition, until she came from under the shadow of death.

So, when the hand of the assassin had prostrated Mr. McKinley, waited in patience and tenderness for each message from him who was stricken. We thus paint the Christian qualities of both which the nation and the world admire.

His was a high intellect, and like the everlasting mountains, whose rugged summits and storm-beaten sides present themselves to the elements, but are yet veiled with the vines and flowers which twine about them and grow upon them, so was his strong character veiled about by the vines and flowers of his tender Christian character. We reverence greatness and strength, and admire power. He is mourned as no other public man has been mourned in the years gone by.

We regret the hideous crime that the enemy of mankind has brought upon him and laid him low. He was an humble believer in the faith that some people say belongs to women and children. As he had lived, so he died, and as the end approached he simply looked to his wife and said: "Good-by. Thy will be done."

We are here to-day in sadness and in gloom. Yet glad that such words fell from his lips and such strength sustained him. May God help us to be like our chieftain, and when we are called to go may the light fall upon us and lead us to the everlasting rest.

The choir then rendered "Thy Will Be Done," after which Rev. S. M. Provence, pastor of the Baptist Church, offered prayer, all standing. A most touching appeal to the divine tenderness and to the Father of all to guide and go with us through life, and the choir closed with the well-known hymn, "God Be with You Till We Meet Again." Then the benediction was pronounced.

The hall was crowded, there being about five hundred present. Every business house in town closed to attend the services.

At the same hour the colored people were holding a memorial service at the opera house.

WILL OPEN PACKING HOUSE.

Mr. John Dzialynski, of Jacksonville, arrived in the city Wednesday and has rented the old Shay house, east of the Elvira Cigar Factory, where he will operate a factory to cure and sweat tobacco. He proposes to operate on a large scale, and says he will employ between 75 and 100 hands daily when the business is fully under way. There is a field here for just such a business, and assurances that it will be permanent will greatly stimulate the culture of tobacco in the future.

LOW RATES TO BUFFALO.

The Seaboard Air Line has announced that they have still in effect low rates from Tallahassee to Buffalo, as follows: Via any established route, tickets limited to Oct. 31, \$49.10; via all rail, limited 20 days from date of sale, \$33.10. These tickets are on sale until Oct. 20. Via Savannah steamers or via Portsmouth and Old Dominion Line, \$47.35, on sale until Oct. 20, and limited 20 days from date of sale. Parties wishing additional information on sleeper reservation should apply to our local agent, R. P. Hopkins, who will gladly supply same.

THE FLORIDA STATE FAIR

General Manager Healey will
be Here

AT SATURDAY'S MEETING

Leon County Must be Represented
He Says.

Major Geo. P. Healey, of DeLand, general manager of the Florida State Fair, whose headquarters are now in Jacksonville, was in the city Wednesday, and called at the office of the Tallahasseean. He came in the interests of the fair, and especially to see and talk with those having the general direction, and most interested parties, in the exhibits from Leon county. He said:

"Leon county is the leading and the capital county of the State, and she ought to be represented by the best exhibit in the State. The fair is an assured success; there is no doubt of that. Twenty counties have already made appropriations for their exhibits, and we will have by the 1st of October five or six more that have promised exhibits that we know of and we don't know how many more will be in by that time."

"The fair is held in the farming interests of the State. We are trying to awaken new interest in what we believe to be the new agriculture of the State and especially the raising of stock animals, and the meat industry of the State. We think that the middle and the middle western counties will be the banner counties for producing meat, both pork and beef. We are going to show at the fair that this can be done and done better and cheaper than in any other State in the Union. The velvet bean and cassava grown in Florida furnishes the best food for such animals, and beef and pork animals raised and fattened on it produce a high quality of meat. We have the best beef pastures in the world. We want to draw our people away from depending entirely upon specialties, such as oranges and cotton, to a certain extent, and to show them that they can make a living at home."

"All county exhibits are carried to the fair free of charge, and anything that they don't care to send back when would include anything but live stock, can be sold there at a good price. Then the live stock can be sold, besides. Hogs and cattle from all over the State can be sold. My office is full of inquiries now from people wanting cattle."

"We feel that Tallahassee ought to be there; that Leon county ought to be there. This is a State fair under State appropriation, and this is the capital city. We will give the county all the space she wants, and do a. We can't help her in any way she wants."

"We want the people to distinctly understand that all the work of the State fair is done gratuitously. We have only \$2,500 given to us by the State, and that is less money than almost any county gets in any other State to hold a county fair."

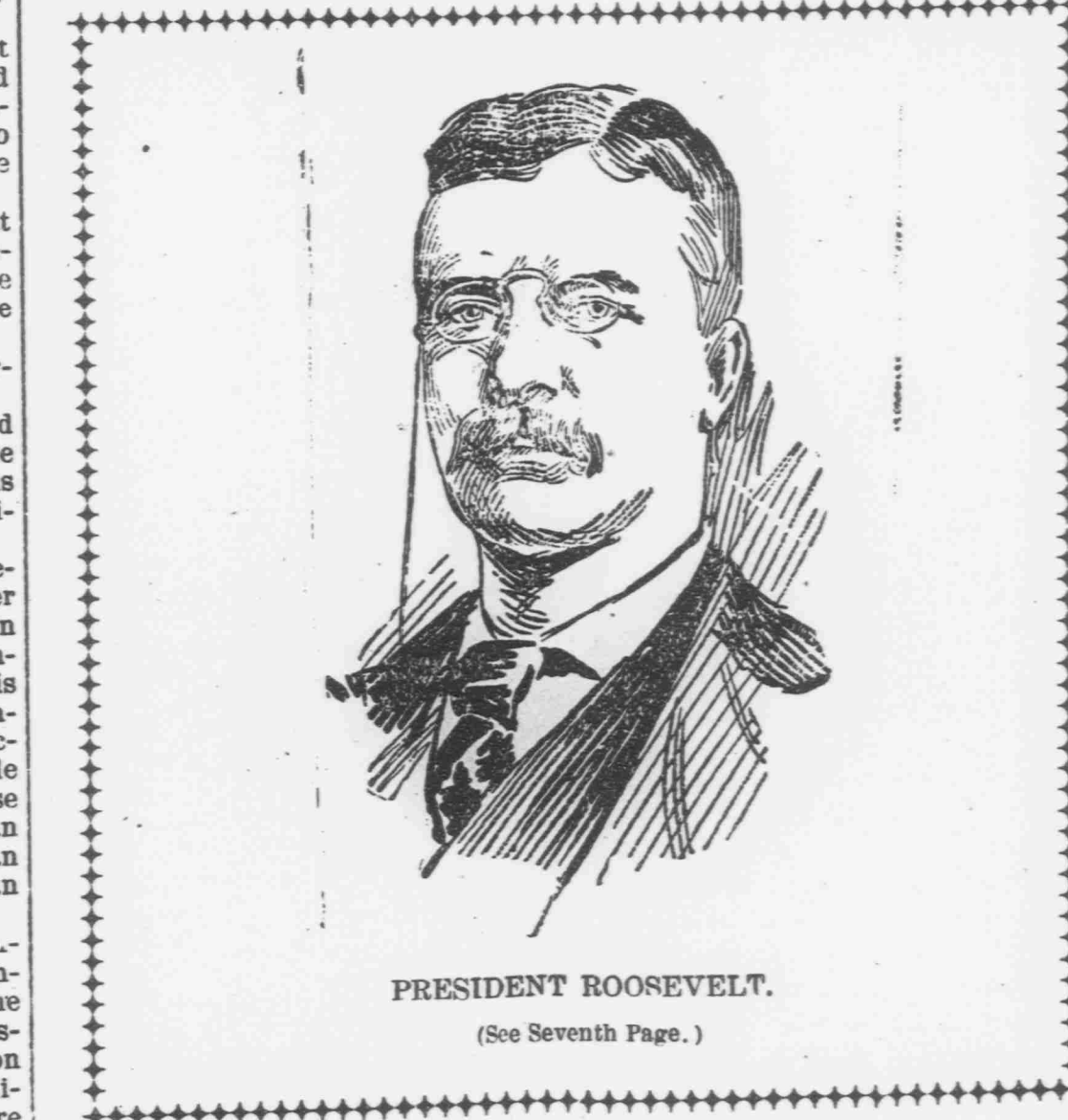
"When we proposed the fair Jacksonville was to give us \$50,000, but after the fire we refused to take this. We couldn't do it in the face of that city's great calamity. We are now doing everything out of that \$2,500. There are many of course, individual subscriptions, but we are at present doing everything out of that \$2,500. We want the people of Leon county and of every other county to thoroughly understand that this is a farmers' fair. We want to revolutionize the farming industry of the State of Florida."

"Representatives of Armour and Cudahy meat men told me the other night that they were satisfied that in less than five years Florida would be packing meat for the whole country. They think she is particularly adapted to the production of the best beef and pork in the world. The introduction of blooded cattle will make it possible."

"I think that \$300 will carry Leon county through. We want them to understand that not one cent of this money will go to the State fair, but to some man who will use it entirely for the county exhibit, and to pay for hauling the exhibits, and not to the fair. Everything connected with the fair is done gratuitously. Let the exhibitors from all over the county bring their exhibits to one central point, say Tallahassee, and pay them for hauling it there, then the railroads agree to take everything from one central point and ship it to the fair at Jacksonville free of cost. There will be no difficulty in selling almost everything they can bring. Let there be one thoroughly competent man to handle the whole and to come to Jacksonville and take care of it, to have the whole management, in fact, and we will do all that we can to help you."

ROSH HASHONAH.

Rosh Hashonah, or the Jewish New Year, was celebrated by the usual ceremonies last Saturday, it being a fast as well as a sort of holiday. Services were held in the Masonic Temple, Mr. Julius Diamond officiating in place of a regularly appointed Rabbi, there being none in this city. Yom Kippur will also be kept on Monday, the 23d inst.



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

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